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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO CALCUTTA MADRAS
FROM BOMBAY DTD 27 APR REPEATED YOU:

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E. O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: EGEN IN

SUBJ: AVIATION FUEL CUT

REF: BOMBAY 865

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS APRIL 27 THAT 50 PER CENT CUT IN
AVIATION FUEL HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY GOI EFFECTIVE APRIL 26
FOR ONE MONTH. DURING CONVERSATION COVERING ANOTHER SUBJECT
(REFTEL), ESSO GENMGR NEFF ALLUDED THIS CUT AND INDICATED
CURRENT FUEL SHORTAGE INDIA NECESSITATING IT REAL.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT " BECAUSE OF ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FUEL
AND KEROSENE IN COUNTRY", OIL COMPANIES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
INFORM AIR LINES CUT THEIR FUEL REQUIREMENTS BY HALF. CUT
WOULD AFFECT LONG HAUL OPERATORS AND NON- SCHEDULED AIRLINES.
LATTER REPORTEDLY WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED. EXCURSION/ HOLIDAY
FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNDER TERMS OF THE CUT.

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3. BURTON, LOCAL TWA REP, INFORMS US HE FIRST LEARNED OF CUT

APRIL 24 AND REPORTED TO HIS HOME OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. ESSO, WHICH SUPPLIES TWA, INFORMED BURTON CUT WOULD BE LOWERED TO 25 PER CENT IF THE 50 PER CENT CUTBACK MEANT CANCELLATION OF STOP HERE AND OVERFLYING INDIA. TWA CAN GET ALONG WITH CUTBACK OF 25 PER CENT, BURTON SAID, BY STOPPING OFF IN BANGKOK AND TEL AVIV. FIFTY PER CENT CUT WOULD NECESSITATE REFUELING STOP AT CEYLON, AS OCCURRED DURING 1971 WAR, D STATE FOR RCI AND S/ CCT, AND REPEATING LATERALLY TO POSTS AT WHICH SHIPS PLANNING TO CALL. FOR EUROPEAN POSTS: WE ARE INTERESTED AT PRESENT ONLY IN SHIPPING GOING INTO MEDITERRANEAN.

3. DEPT WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE ALERT POSTS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SHIPS SHOULD WE HAVE REASON TO THINK THEY MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL RISKS.

4. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE VALLETTA AND IZMIR (REFTELS) TO EXPRESS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR GENERAL TIGHTENING PORT SECURITY MEASURES. FOR ANKARA AND IZMIR: IN VIEW NUMBER VESSEL CALLS IN IZMIR CONSULAR DISTRICT, WE THINK ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH TURKS ARE BEST POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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